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Rainfall at Peak Point In Vernonia

Precipitation for 24-hour Period Is 3.11 Inches Here

Reports from weather stations in various localities west of the mountains in Oregon listed excessive rainfall for last week end, but none reported reached the figure released by Mrs. D.P. Spofford, local cooperative weather observer.

For the period from last Sunday night to Monday night 3.11 inches fell and for Sunday night along the precipitation was 1.65 inches. The place having rainfall most nearly approaching that here was Mehama with 2.12 inches. Other wet spots were Albany 1.82, Jefferson 1.74, Salem 1.54, Corvallis 1.55, Eugene 1.14, Willamina 1.72 and Estacada 1.65.

Considerable rise in the level of Rock creek and the Nehalem river was noted and many storm sewers were blocked with debris and excessive flow.

New Library Books Added

Twenty-two new books for three age groups have been added within the past few days Mrs. Paul Gordon, librarian announced Tuesday and are awaiting use by borrowers. Titles of the books are:

Teen age—On to Oregon by Honore Morrow; Green Grass of Wyoming (Author Flicka and Thunderhead) Mary O'hara Mystery of the Lost Letter, Helen Dore Boylston; "Scotty" Allan—King of the Dog Team Drivers, Shannon Garst; Forest Ranger, Mark Layton; Man-eaters of Kumaon, Jim Corbett; Old Con and Patrick, Ruth Sawyer and The Great White Buffalo, Harold McCracken.

Children—How the Rabbit Fooled the Wale and the Elephant and other stories; Holiday, Wesley Dennis; Nobody's Doll, Adele DeLeeuw; Favorite Nursery Tales, and Augustus, Claire Hutchet Bishop.

Adult—B.F.'s Daughter, John P. Marquand; Borrowed Brunette, Erle Stanley Gardner; Case of the Backward Mule, Erle Stanley Gardner; Happy the Land, Louise Dickinson Rich (author of We Took to the Woods); Rhubarb, H. Allen Smith; Tatooosh, Martha Hardy; Mink, Mary & Me, Chick Ferguson and The Miracle of the Bells, Russell Janney.

Vet Claims Show Slight Reduction

A continued slight reduction in numbers of claims for veteran's compensation and pensions pending before the veterans administration's regional office for Oregon is reported by Thomas M. Craig, VA representative for this area.

In October disability payment cases awaiting adjudication were whittled from 783 to 759, despite receipt of 449 new applications. Death pension cases still pending were reduced to 44 from September's 54, Craig pointed out.

In this state 22,177 veterans of the two world wars are receiving federal disability compensation, while in 2449 cases death pensions or compensation are being paid to veterans' survivors.

Hospitalization was requested in October through the VA regional office by 130 ex-servicemen and women, a slight reduction from September, and all requests were cleared during the month Craig added.

Craig meets with veterans each Wednesday morning at the city hall in Vernonia.

Enumerators for Census Taking Get Instructions

Six enumerators will begin the task of counting the population in the city of Vernonia received their instructions from Adam Lefor Wednesday. Mr. Lefor was here under authorization of the secretary of state's office to start the count after the city had been granted a request in October by the secretary to undertake the census.

Supplies needed for making the count are furnished by the state and the enumerators are compensated by the city. A week's time is allotted for the work. Mr. Childs, city recorder, said and he had already made preliminary plans before Wednesday by mapping the city into six sections and getting a list of prospective enumerators.

Brous Shop to Open Monday

A new business will open its doors in Vernonia Monday of next week, November 25. The opening was announced Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brous, owners, who have been busy for several weeks remodeling the building which formerly housed Lines' Shoe Shop and the Upgard paint store.

The Brous store will display a stock of greeting cards, gifts for all occasions, baby apparel, stationary and notions.

Mr. and Mrs. Brous come here from Portland where has been a salesman associated with several Portland firms for the past 20 years. His father, Jacob Brous, was an early pioneer of the Nehalem valley. He with his father owned a shingle, grist and saw and door mill about 65 years ago.

Manager to Go To BPA Meet

Frank Seelye, West Oregon Electric Cooperative manager, will be at Timberline Lodge Thursday and Friday of this week on special invitation of Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, to attend the regional advisory council meeting of the administration.

The advisory council is composed of leaders in a number of fields of endeavor in the Northwest who exchange views of value in directing future Bonneville policies.

Harvest Home Service Dated

The annual harvest home service at the Christian church is dated for Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Ernest P. Baker said Wednesday morning when he announced the event. The service will be appropriate for Thanksgiving. A youth choir will sing as part of the program. Gifts of fruit and vegetables will be sent to the church supported home at Beaverton.

Enlargement of Building Starts

Remodeling and enlarging of the Pete Brunson store, which has been planned for some time, was started late last week by the owner. The floor area will be enlarged 900 square feet by the new addition at the back of the present building.

Excavation has been completed and preparation is being made for pouring concrete retaining walls and floor. The additional space will be used for warehouse and display space.

Young People Expected

A group of young people from the Selwood Nazarene church of Portland will be present Sunday morning, at the local Nazarene Chapel to bring special numbers in song and other items of interest. Rev. H.L. Russell spoke last week to a large gathering of young people in Portland.

The number of people residing within the city limits determines the basis upon which appropriations from state funds are made by the state to the city. The turnover of highway commission funds amounts to \$2.21 per capita Mr. Childs said.

An estimate of the population residing in the city now is placed at close to 2000, but that estimate is not sufficient basis for increasing the turnover of funds. Vernonia's population was listed at 1425 at the time of the last census.

Relief Costs Up in County

The higher cost of living is reflected on Columbia county's relief rolls where costs have gone up, largely at the expense of the federal government because allowances for food have risen, a report on the relief expenses for October by Mrs. Eva Tice, administrator. In one program, aid to the blind, increased federal participation worked out so that there was actually less expense for the county, while in old age assistance Uncle Sam's cash just met the extra cost and in aid to dependent children about two-thirds of the increased expense came from federal government sources.

Most rapidly expanding program is general assistance, which has risen from about 110 cases a year ago to 151 cases now. Costs have risen sharply, too, for a year ago the program was costing \$3,600 per month and in October, 1946, it cost \$5,393.57. Of this total, \$2,395 was spent for medical care both of general assistance cases and those receiving old age assistance. Bulk of relief cases which must receive medical or hospital care of any consequence must be sent to Portland because of lack of hospital facilities in the county, Mrs. Tice pointed out.

Old age assistance is the county's largest program, including 336 cases in October and costing \$15,937—a larger sum than usual because of the increase in the allowance for food. Aid to dependent children, with a case load of 44, cost \$3,487 in October, while financing the blind aid program cost only \$465. There are eight Columbia county people on this program.

Wire Installation Nearly Half Done

The installation of conductor on the new Warren-Vernonia transmission line is nearly completed using the wire that the West Oregon Electric now has on hand—about 50 per cent of the amount needed. That was the information released early this week by manager Frank Seelye who has been making every attempt to obtain the remaining conductor needed.

So far every lead as to a source of supply for the balance of the wire needed has not produced the conductor and as a result the line can not be fully completed.

Mulligan Feed Held

The boys of the high school, with Harold McEntire as chief cook, prepared and served their annual mulligan feed Monday evening at the gym. One of the largest turnouts ever reported was present for the evening. The boys brought their fathers as guests of the evening.

COUNTY NEWS

NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC PAYS LARGE TAX BILL

RAINIER—Payment of \$7464.85 in Columbia county real estate and personal property taxes by the Northwestern Electric company was reported by E.A. Britts, local manager.

This year's tax payment, Britts pointed out, is nearly three times as large as last year.

V. F. W. WILL MAKE HOUSING SURVEY

CLATSKANIE—A nation-wide housing survey will be made under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and locally, Tom Armstrong, commander of the local post, has announced that blanks for this purpose are now available.

The blanks or questionnaires ask questions on basic facts concerning the rentals of properties and it is hoped that with the return of the questionnaires some of the housing shortage problem will be solved.

PLAQUE UNVEILED AT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

RAINIER—A program to unveil a plaque containing the names of all the boys from the Rainier community who lost their lives in World War II, was held last Tuesday.

PAPER DRIVE NETS 5 TONS

ST. HELENS—St. Helens Shrine club members Sunday hauled 6,995 pounds of paper to the Pacific Paper Products plant at Longview, taking the cash from sale of this collection to turn over to the Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland. The paper was hauled in one of H.W.H. Adam's trucks.

Sunday's collection netted another 3,500 pounds, which will be taken to Longview at a later date.

High Rates Stop "Goop" Shipment

Due to the excessive cost of transportation the West Oregon Electric has cancelled its order for "goop" which was placed on a group basis for the cooperative and other interested parties in the valley. Freight rate quoted by the railway company was \$3.70 per hundred, Frank Seelye, cooperative manager, said, making the cost per drum \$22.20.

The product has been offered for sale by the war assets administration in Portland for \$15 per drum and all people interested in purchasing for slash burning are urged to contact the war assets administration in Portland for the proper procedure to follow in purchasing "goop."

The state forestry office, after the order was placed, advised Mr. Seelye that excessive freight rates had been charged others and further advised investigation and cancellation of present orders.

Loggers Score 183 Grid Points

The Loggers tallied a total of 183 points against their grid opponents as compared with 48 points scored against the Vernonia team in the 1946 football season. The last game of the season against Rainier added the largest number of points for any single encounter during the year.

By players' score totals, Byers is listed with 93 points. He is followed by Sabillino with 20. Other Loggers adding to the 183-point total were Frank 18, East 15, Bass 12, Grenia 7, Renfro 6, Walgomott 6, and Brown 6.

Revival Services Held

Revival services are being held every night at 7:30 at the Church of God in Christ (colored). A very cordial invitation is given to attend by Elder J. C. Foster, the pastor. Elder Foster is conducting the services.

Lions Club Selects Officer Group, Plans Charter Eve.

The Lions International club, formed here about two weeks ago, met last Friday evening to elect the remaining officers needed by the club and to plan for two future events. The first occasion is the charter night dinner which was scheduled for December 9 and the second was the football banquet which is to be sponsored by the group.

Rev. Earnest P. Backer, club president, and Bill Horn, secretary, were the only official positions filled until Friday's meeting when the remaining officers were named. Elected were: Frank D. Seelye, first vice-president; Harry King, second vice-president; Tom Bateman, third vice-president; Lyman Hawken, treasurer; Desmond Laird, Lion tamer and Floyd Bush, tail twister.

The group met again Monday evening at the Odd Fellows hall for another dinner, both the Friday and Monday dinners being served by the Pythian Sisters, to plan further for the December 9 event. Frank D. Seelye will head the charter night and football banquet affair and he named committees to work with him on arrangements. As decided Monday no members may attend the banquet unless accompanied by their wives or lady friends. Dress will be informal for the ladies, incidental for the gentlemen with the exception, Mr. Seelye explained, that caulked boots are prohibited.

Mr. Seelye named committee as follows to arrange details of the affair:

Finance committee—Lyman Hawken, chairman, Floyd Ensworth and Ed Salomonson; program, publicity and photography—Cecil Johnson, chairman, Marvin Kamholz, Elton Greenwood and Bob Cline; decoration—Judd Greenman, chairman, Jack Nance, Rex Hess, Ben Brickel and Dr. R. D. Eby;

Speakers and reception—Frank Seelye, chairman, Judd Greenman, Glen Hawkins, Harry King, A. L. Kullander, Tom Bateman, Dr. H. E. Schlegel, George Johnson, Frank Hartwick and Rev. Ernest Baker; corsage committee—Bud Bush, chairman, George Peters and Lou Girod; cigar committee—Desmond Laird, chairman and Lew Floaten;

Executive committee—Rev. Baker, chairman, Frank Seelye,

IWA Team Starts Court Turnout

Basketball activity for the winter months for the IWA team began Wednesday night last week when 13 players turned out for the first practice session and to limber up for a series of games scheduled to begin in December.

Regular turnout nights are intended and John Roediger will act as manager again this season. Definite decision upon a coach had not been reached by Monday, but one will probably be named later.

Turning out last Wednesday were Moon Mullins, Lyle and Les Galloway, Fred Lusby, Max Ensworth, Ralph Sturdevant, Calvin Davis, Andy Killian, Kent Bauersfeld, Jack Toothacher, Berl Arner and Gerald and Jack Riley.

Large Pumpkin Growth Made

An instance of outstanding garden production developed last Saturday when the post office scales registered 58 pounds, 10 ounces as the weight of a pumpkin grown by Albert Brunson at his place on Corey Hill.

The large pumpkin is one of 22 which matured from four hills planted last summer on new garden ground.

Bill Horn, Lyman Hawken, Floyd Bush, Desmond Laird and all committee chairmen; emergency—Cleve Robertson, Pete Brunson, W. G. Heath, Merle Cline and Luther Herrin.

Difficulty is being experienced by the club in arranging for a weekly noon hour luncheon meeting place. So far no satisfactory arrangements have been made because no restaurant is equipped to serve 30 to 40 people for such an occasion in addition to regular patrons.

Local people who have not yet joined the organization but wish to do so are asked to see President Baker before the December 9 meeting. After that time the amount of the membership fee will be increased.

AAA Election Meet Scheduled

Important conservation problems will be discussed and men elected to administer the local conservation program for the coming year at community meetings within the next ten days. Farmers in Columbia county will receive notices within the next few days about annual elections of community and county farmer committees, W.C. Johnson, chairman of the Columbia County Agricultural Conservation Association, said last week. Each of the county's five farming communities will elect three committeemen and two alternates as well as a delegate to the county convention, where a three-man county committee will be elected. The meeting for the Nehalem Valley is scheduled as follows:

Nehalem Valley—Friday, November 22, 1946, 1:30 p.m., Natal Grange.

Mr. Johnson said that approximately 500 farmers are eligible to vote in the elections this year. Eligible farmers are those who are participating in the 1946 agricultural conservation program. This includes owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers on farms where the conservation program is being carried out.

Besides the job of electing committeemen, a discussion will be held on the selection of a special conservation practice for Columbia county. Ten percent of next year's allotment will be available for payment on this practice.

In announcing the coming election meetings, Johnson urged that all farmers who are entitled to vote, attend their community meeting. Since the committeemen are responsible for developing, adapting, and administering national farm programs to meet local problems and needs, it is important that men are elected who really represent the choice of the majority of farmers in the community.

Final Tourney Match Dated

Tom Bateman will meet Ben George in the finals match of the Oregon-American fall golf tournament this Sunday weather permitting. Bateman's win last Sunday over Kent Bauersfeld one up on the 19th hole determined the match for the finals. Bateman scored 77 to Bauersfeld's 75.

Country club members met Wednesday evening of this week at the club house for the first of a series of dinner meetings planned for the winter months. At least one such meeting will be held each month. Members wishing to attend are asked to notify Rex Hess in advance of the dinner date.